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SUBJ: KUWAIT OPPOSES PROPOSED FRENCH INTERVENTION IN LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING MAY 23 CABINET MEETING, KUWAIT'S MINISTER OF STATE TOLD LOCAL PRESS THAT PROPOSED DESPATCH OF 5,000 FRENCH TROOPS TO LEBANON HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. HE IMPLIED KUWAIT WOULD OPPOSE FRENCH INTERVENTION, BUT ALSO SAID "KUWAIT IS URGENTLY INVESTIGATING THIS IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES. WE ARE INTERESTED TO KNOW THE REALITY AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS TREND.". HE ALSO QUOTED AS STATING "WE HOPE THE LEBANESE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS BUT, IF THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE KUWAIT WOULD SUPPORT A JOINT ARAB EFFORT TO SETTLE THE CIVIL WAR."

2. LOCAL PRESS (KUWAIT TIMES, AL RAI AL-AAM, AL-WATAN) CRITICAL OF PROPOSAL, WHICH THEY IMPLY HAS U.S. BACKING AT SAME TIME
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REPORTING STATEMENTS BY U.S. OFFICIALS THAT USG "HAD NOT YET DE-

CIDED WHETHER TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL." MOST COM-
M GPXLIQRSL SUGGEST FRENCH MOTIVES ARE SUSPECT, BUT OTHERS URGE
THAT FRENCH INITIATIVE AT LEAST BE INVESTIGATED AS ONE POSSIBLE
WAY OUT OF A HOPELESS SITUATION. HIGH ELEMENT OF RISK NOTED BY
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